

Of the People: Widening
the Path is a multi-year
initiative that creates new
opportunities for more
Americans to engage with
the Library of Congress and
to add their perspectives
to the Library's collections,
allowing the national library
to share a more inclusive
American story.

Supported by an institutional grant from the Andrew W. Mellon foundation, Of the People: Widening the Path promotes outreach, technology innovation, and archives development for, and by, Black, Indigenous, and communities of color historically underrepresented in the United States and in the Library's collections.

Under the direction of the 14th Librarian of Congress, Dr. Carla Hayden, and in response to the national conversation about civil rights, the Library continues to re-imagine how it can address the unequal ways in which libraries, archives, and schools preserve and present the American story.

As part of the Library's vision to connect all Americans and to empower new generations and diverse audiences to explore its enduring treasury of information, Of the People will enhance and support diverse and inclusive participation in the creation and perpetuation of the nation's historical and creative record.

Get more information at: loc.gov/of-the-people

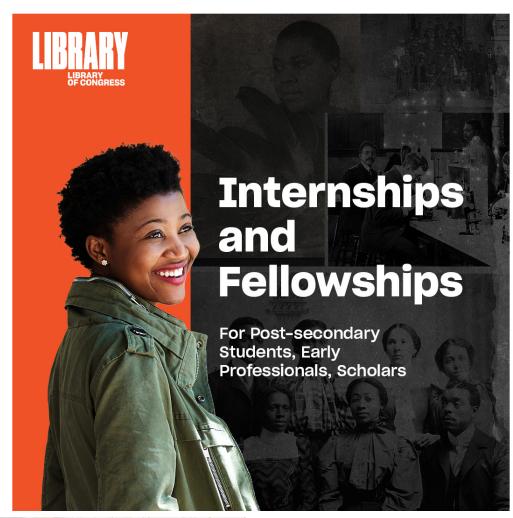




Internships & Fellowships

to expand opportunities to develop, manage, preserve, and use resources and research tools across the Library's collections

For Post-secondary Students, Early Professionals, and Scholars





Collect and Preserve.



Community Collections
Grants to support
contemporary cultural field
research within diverse
communities

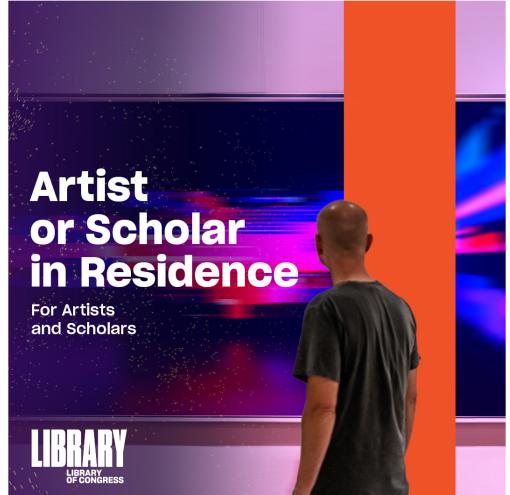
For Individuals and Organizations

Represent.

Connecting Communities
Digital Initiative Grants to
encourage digital programs
that add and amplify the
stories of people whose
voices have traditionally
been minimized, and
innovatively incorporate
Library collections

For Libraries, Archives, Museums, Minority-Serving Higher Education Institutions





Represent.

Artist or Scholar in
Residence to support the creation of new scholarly and/or artistic works that will deepen the connection between the Library of Congress and the lives and perspectives of Black, Indigenous, and other communities of color through new or re-imagined uses of technology.

For Artists and Scholars







Share.

Champion efforts to further representation for all Americans within Library practices and collections.

For All









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Palm reader conducts reading at the market; man at right is selling Panama hats. - https://www.loc.gov/item/afcwip001381/ • Muslims protesting the closing of their Mosque outside the Chamber of Commerce Building, 20 Branford Pl., Newark - https://www.loc.gov/item/2021639089/ • Karnivalbounce crew, Black Lives Matter mural, Fulton St. at Marcy Ave., Brooklyn - https://www.loc.gov/item/2013630053/ • Mother and child getting free blueberries from a Community Fridge, 297 Brook Ave., Bronx - https://www.loc.gov/item/2021636832/ • Million Native American March, June 27, 2003, Washington, D.C. - https://www.loc.gov/item/2011634157/